

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last week in Boston an enterprising TV reporter asked Presidential candidate George Bush to name the leaders of four countries - Chechnya, Pakistan, Taiwan and India. Bush named only one. Then the debate started . . . did the reporter ambush Mr. Bush. In our opinion, he did but it is not the first time some reporter trying to impress the world with his own importance got down a book, memorized some off the wall bit of information and used it to set up governors, presidents or in this case a candidate for president. In our opinion, Bush should have looked the guy in the eye, smiled and said, "I can't name them but as president promise to have a foreign relations staff that knows their names, their favorite foods and their political agenda."

The Alabama legislature is back in session, this time to resolve the financial shortfall from the Supreme Court ruling that struck down the higher franchise tax on out-of-state corporations. We have read a copy of the general plan to be introduced and listened to the opinions of some of the pro's and con's crowd. Unless someone with a personal agenda starts beating the drums and holding the issue hostage to get video poker approved or something like that, we expect the legislators to be successful in getting a package of tax bills of the Governor's liking out before mid December.

The recent city elections in Montgomery and Birmingham left political establishments in shock. Voters in Birmingham turned against the advice of long time political power Richard Arrington and elected someone other than the mayor's hand picked replacement. In Montgomery the voters turned out every single incumbent on the run-off ballot, including Mayor Emory Folmar as well as long time Councilman and statewide political leader Joe Reed. Also defeated was long time councilman and Elba native Lou Hammond. Whatever was bugging these folks, they didn't align with particular political factions, they fired them all, regardless of political associations.

This past weekend Hedy and I were out of town on one of those occasions we do slip off "just for us." We last did it in 1997. It was very enjoyable and the weather cooperated perfectly. We noticed that wherever we were eating, the waiter or waitress made quite a difference in our overall opinion of the restaurant. The food was good everywhere we ate, but Melissa's bubbly personality made the seafood platter seem better. Jeannie's beaming smile helped us decide which salad was the best another night and Barb's enthusiasm for getting her second college graduate a good job made that breakfast meal memorable. The examples go on and on. An exception was the morning we ate waffles. The service was okay and the food was okay, but neither was worth writing home about. Maybe it was because the waitress was mechanically doing her job . . . waiting for quitting time and payday.

The down side to the days away was coming back to Elba and facing so much sad news. The reports of several sudden deaths and very unpleasant medical diagnoses quickly put a damper on our happy attitudes and relaxed moods.



ELBA RECEIVES TREE GRANT...In the picture above, Elba Mayor James E. Grimes (center) accepts a \$2,000 check from Harry Carver (right), of Alabama Power Company. Looking on is Kaye Whitworth (left), Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. The money comes from the \$55,000 "Plant a Tree in Alabama" grant provided by Alabama Power in partnership with the Alabama Urban Forestry Association. This is part of the 1999 Urban and Community Tree Assistance Program which calls for the planting of over 1,000 new trees in 40 communities throughout the state. "The project was designed to promote the development of the natural environment in populated and developing areas as well as foster public awareness about the benefits of having a productive urban forest," said Carver. The Alabama Power Foundation and the Alabama Urban Forestry Association will continue to fund the "Plant a Tree in Alabama" program annually.

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NEW REBEL UNIFORMS...Miss Kacy Clark models the new look of the Zion Chapel Rebel Band. New uniforms have not been purchased for the award-winning Rebel Band since 1985. Each uniform costs approximately \$275. Any person or business wishing to donate funds can contact Mr. Michael Bird, band director, at Zion Chapel High School, 29256 Highway 87, Jack, AL 36346.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 8, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, one public intoxication, one domestic dispute, one harassing communication, one forgery, one burglary, four DUIs, one assault, one disorderly conduct, two harassments, one resisting arrest, one VPL, and one fugitive from justice.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, one for possession of a forged instrument, one on a failure to appear warrant (speeding), one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, one for VPL, and one for possession of a forged instrument.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eighteen for speeding, four for DUI, one for driver's license not in possession, two for driving on the wrong side of the road, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for no child restraint, one for no driver's license, and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - River stage - 3:24 (6:07 a.m.); Subject reported with a gun on Route Avenue (12:37 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Fire

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• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-2125.

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon. First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues., 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday of month. City Hall.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday. Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:00 p.m. - Senior Office.

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MONSIEUR LOUIS** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 804-5888.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 5 p.m. Club House.

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.

• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tues. at noon. City Hall Conference Room.

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport-Disco! lounge.

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:00 p.m. - DHS Cafeteria.

• **REGIONAL GRIEF & LOSS S.P. PORT GROUP** - 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. - Community Care Hospice meeting room.

The space made possible by National Security Investments Co.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 9, 1999, through November 15, 1999. They were: Edward Sawyer, F.G. Cooper, Mary Watson, Sabrina Slenker, Chad Brisan, Devorian Wilkerson, Mildred Armstrong, Joe Dean, Ella Fair Hudson, Brenda Arnett, Jeanneva Ordon, Bettye Adkinson, Obie Reese, Clemmie Williamson, Lovette Veit, Helen Horstead, Gussie Smart, Mary Bradshaw, Obie Phillips, and Estel-la Davis.

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We would like to share some important information with you in regards to the problems that are hindering the collection of any investigation concerning forged or no accounts checks. We are fully aware that the majority of people purchase their items with documents other than cash. However, we are experiencing major difficulties in following up on several cases involving these matters. Therefore, in order to speed up the process and being able to conduct an investigation on all checks received, the following information is vital and needs to be written on the check.

1. Identification - Alabama driver's license or I.D. card will produce D.L. number, social security number, date of birth, and name of the individual.

2. Make sure that the person(s) submitting a written instrument is the person(s) producing the identification.

3. Ask the individual(s) their street address (not P.O. Box) and telephone number. Check to see if this information is correct on the written instrument.

This information is a crucial part of our evidence against the persons that deceive merchants of cash when producing such documents. Without this information we are unable to obtain a warrant for the person(s) arrest that commits these offenses. We would also ask that you do not hold these instruments for a long period of time because time is not on our side in these cases. The problems we face are that some of the complaints we receive, it is found that the checks will have been submitted several

months prior to the department receiving the complaint. Please contact the Elba Police Department as soon as possible in these cases, so that our department can serve you better.

Your cooperation in these matters are greatly appreciated and by doing so the Elba Police Department can expedite these cases and therefore producing better results to our merchants.

Sincerely thanks,
Sgt. Johnny P. Seem

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ARREST

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of a Controlled Substance - Arrested 11/5/99
• Nathaniel Edwards, 34, B/M, 1855 Hickman Ave., Elba - Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance - Arrested 11/5/99
• James Robert Griggs, 45, W/M, Co. Rd. 401, Elba - Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance - Arrested 11/5/99
• Michael Carter, 25, B/M, 108 W. Harrison St., Enterprise - Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Sub-

stance - Arrested 11/10/99
• Alfred T. Harris, 22, B/M, Rt. 2 Box 140B, Elba - Possession/Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance - Arrested 5/16/99
• Tiffany Lynn Hutchinson, 21, W/F, 406 Fitzsimmons St., New Brockton - Possession of a Forged Instrument - arrested 5/13/99
• Mitchell Lesperance, 21, W/F, 2203 Co. Rd. 411, Fyffe, AL - Burglary 1st Degree - Arrested 7/1/99

• Dorlan Hammond, 32, W/M, Co. Rd. 106, Brundidge, Receiving Stolen Property 1st Degree, Arrested 6/1/99
• Richard Thomas, 51, B/M 1546 Gray Street, Elba - Assault in the 2nd Degree - Arrested 6/1/99
• Roy Lynne Hudson, 40, W/F, Apt. C, Elba Villas, Elba - Theft of Property - Arrested 7/27/99
• Martin Caldwell, 19, B/M, Rt. 2 Box 54E, Elba - Assault 2nd Degree, arrested 1/1/99

ROADS

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"The greatest task before the CPYRWMA is to educate the public on what we're presently trying to do in dirt road maintenance," said Trudell. "Hopefully this will come to pass in the near future."

The ideal situation is to have all

the roads in the county paved but that would take a great deal of money that is not available. The county does have a three-year plan in place which includes the paving of many of the dirt roads in the future.

Enterprise Division grand jury recommend charges against Lampton be dropped

by Marvin McLain, Editor

A Coffee County-Enterprise Division grand jury which had been called into another regular session last week recommended the charges against Anthony Darrell Lampton, 21, of Enterprise.

The grand jury, in an earlier session, had indicted Lampton on a capital murder charge in connection with the death of Traivon Rayshawn Griffin, a four-month-old infant that was found dead on the morning of August 22, 1999.

Lampton's arrest came as a result of an investigation into the child's death by Coroner Tim Whitehead. The child had been taken to a local hospital where it was determined that the child had died from suffocation. An autopsy performed later by the pathologist with Department of Forensic Science confirmed that finding.

According to reports, the accused was the boyfriend of the child's juvenile mother and the preliminary investigation into the infant's death pointed in his direction. Lampton was arrested on August 23 and placed in the Coffee County Jail where he was being held without bail.

During the course of further investigation into the matter, several items of evidence were discovered indicating the infant's death could be classified as SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). In addition, a month after the incident, Lampton was given a polygraph test which he passed and he was allowed to be bonded out of jail.

The items of evidence and polygraph results prompted District Attorney Mark Fuller to present the matter to the grand jury. After hearing the new evidence, the grand jury issued a written directive recommending that all charges against Lampton be dismissed.

It was further requested that the investigation continue to either completely rule out foul play or to discover evidence, if any exists, and present it to a future grand jury.

The directive applauded the efforts of law enforcement in both the original investigation and the continuing investigation.

District Attorney Fuller has filed a motion in the Circuit Court of Coffee County-Enterprise Division to nolle prosecute the pending charges of capital murder against Lampton. In his motion, the District Attorney stated that additional evidence indicating Lampton may not be responsible for the death of infant Griffin, and the written recommendation of the grand jury were grounds for his motion.

SPONSOR A TREE ON THE SQUARE

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is still seeking businesses, clubs or individuals to sponsor a tree around the square to be decorated with Christmas lights this holiday season. The beautifully sparkling lights are just one way to show the holiday spirit this Christmas season and should definitely be a sight to see. Anyone interested in sponsoring one or more of the trees should contact Kaye Whitworth at the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

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The United States Army is offering a special \$4,000 enlistment bonus for a limited time.

"Qualified applicants who enlist for three or more years and report for active duty between Oct. 1 and Dec. 27, will be eligible for an additional bonus of \$4,000," said LTC Richard E. Talley, commander of the U.S. Army's Montgomery Recruiting Battalion. This limited time \$4,000 bonus applies to the Army's approximately 200 military occupational skills open to new enlistees.

"The \$4,000 bonus will be in addition to any existing bonus that may be connected with the military occupational skill. The maximum combined bonus can be up to \$6,000 for a three-year enlistment and \$12,000 for a four-year enlistment," explained Talley. Applicants who choose this limited time bonus cannot receive the Army College Fund.

To be eligible for the additional bonus, an applicant must have no prior military service, meet educational criteria, score in the top half of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, and meet all other enlistment criteria.

"Anyone who wants to learn more about this seasonal enlistment bonus should contact their local Army recruiter for details," Talley said.

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AREA DEATHS

JEANNETTE ROUSE ADAMS - Mrs. Jeannette Rouse Adams, 90, of 1480 Cherokee Lane, Elba, Ala., died Nov. 11, 1999 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Nov. 13, 1999 at Harrell-Faircloth Funeral Home in Moultrie, Ga. with the Revs. Michael Helms and John I. Baxter officiating. Burial followed in the Westview Cemetery of Moultrie, Ga.

Mrs. Adams was preceded in death by her husband, George Raymond Adams.

Survivors include a daughter: Jeannette Cowart, Elba, Ala.; a son-in-law: Dr. William "Bill" Cowart, Elba, Ala.; three sisters: Frances McLendon, Albany, Ga.; Lilyan Braswell, Thomasville, Ga.; Edna Thomas, Antioch, Tenn.; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law: Stephen and Beverly Cowart, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law: Rachel and David Oliver, Birmingham, Ala.

BILLY JOE "JOEY" BRUNSON JR. - Mr. Billy Joe "Joey" Brunson Jr., age 38, of Rt. 2, Elba, died Nov. 11, 1999.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14, 1999 at New Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elba with Min. Greg Hanchey officiating. Burial followed in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his father: Billy Joe Brunson, Elba; his mother: Frances Brunson, Elba; two

sons: Adam Joseph Brunson and Mark Evan Brunson, both of Elba; one brother: Harland Gene "Hal" Brunson, Lackland, Fla.

V.C. MOBLEY - Mr. V.C. Mobley, age 96, of Rt. 1, Jack, Ala., died Nov. 12, 1999 at Pike Manor Health Care Center.

Funeral services were held at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church on Nov. 14, 1999 with the Revs. Larry Doster, Paul Nelson and Shirlee Ellis officiating. Burial followed in the Haw Hill Assembly of God Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

Mr. Mobley was preceded in death by his wife, Vancetta Mobley.

Survivors include a daughter: Doris Doster, Jack, Ala.; a son and daughter-in-law: Marlin and Edna Mobley, Jack, Ala.; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

JESSIE WILLARD SMITH - Mr. Jessie Willard Smith, age 84, of Jack, Ala., died Nov. 13, 1999 at Medical Center Enterprise.

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Thanksgiving Thoughts

One woman put an ad in the local paper: "Lost 50 pounds! Selling my fat clothes — good condition, sizes 18-20." She was bombarded with phone calls, nobody wanted to buy the clothes — they all wanted to know how she had lost the 50 pounds. There's nothing wrong with being well-fed. There is something wrong when we ignore the hungry of the world.

Ron Lee Davis tells a heart-breaking story about a little girl named Tracy he met several years ago at a Christian camp in the Midwest. She was 8-years-old, a child of the inner city. This was her first time at camp, and because her family was desperately poor, she had brought only one outfit for the entire week, a worn and frayed print dress.

During her first few days at camp, Tracy made a decision to receive Jesus as her Savior. Toward the end of the week, Ron Davis and Tracy were talking together as they walked in the woods. "Tracy," Davis said, "If you could have anything you wanted, anything at all, what would you wish for?"

Tracy was silent for a moment, giving the question a lot of thought. "Well," she said at last, "I guess I would wish I could get hit by a car. I wouldn't want to get hurt real bad — just enough so I could go to the hospital. I think it would be neat to live in a hospital."

"I'd like to live in a hospital," she said, "because somebody once told me that in the hospital, kids like me get three meals every day."

Three meals every day. Something you and I take for granted, yet, Davis notes, Tracy said those words in the same awed tone most people would say "a million dollars."

Are you one of those people who think you have to go to Ethiopia to see the ravages of malnutrition on children? Then, woe to you. Of course, there are hungry children in Ethiopia.

U.S. News and World Report carried some sobering statistics some time back: People who starve to death each year: 11 million. Overweight U.S. adults: 34 million. Money Americans spent eating out, 1980: \$52 billion; 1990: \$236 billion; U.S. expenditures for overseas food aid, 1980: \$1.4 billion; 1990: \$1.6 billion. Average calories consumed daily, North Americans: 3500; Africans: 2100. People who are continually hungry, Ethiopia: 20%; Sudan: 20%; Mozambique: 30-40%. American adults currently on diets: 19%.

We dare not grow callous to such discrepancies. If we do, then, "Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry."

Think about it this Thanksgiving.

Reminder: Everyone is invited to the community-wide Thanksgiving Service at Elba First Assembly of God this Sunday at 6 p.m. The admission is canned food for the Christian Mission.

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Scripture: Galatians 3:1-18

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The Youth Department of the Rocky Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., invites all Senior Citizens to a pre-Thanksgiving dinner in their honor. Dinner will be served on Nov. 20, beginning at 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Rec. Center on Claxton Avenue. Any questions, call Melvin Cross at 897-3334 or Freddie Culver at 897-8216. Carry-out trays and transportation will be available. Free Throw Shot. To know that I am in control of the ball. To know that if I miss this shot we'd lose the game. I've been waiting for this game for a while. Waiting to win and feel victorious. I want to be proud of myself and my teammates. So I breathe in slowly. Give a short prayer. Set up, and I close my eyes. The ball leaves my hand. Before I know it, I hear screaming people and cheers. All of my teammates rush over to me saying, "We did it! I can't believe it. We won. We won!"

Kanika Belcher

Today is a good day, be grateful!

ERIA

The McGregors to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The McGregors will be ministering at Country Cathedral on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. The services will

start at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Every- one is cordially invited to come and worship the Lord in the two special services.

Shiloh Baptist Church to hold Gospel Singing Saturday, November 20th

Shiloh Baptist Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. The featured group will be "The Williamson Family." Everyone is invited to attend.

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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Homer F. Moore, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

J. J. Gray, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

JATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Danny Sherer, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.



New Haven Assembly Of God honors seniors with special day

New Haven Assembly of God Church recently had its Senior Citizens Day. Those in attendance who were honored on this special day were: Jack and Faye Jacob, Thomas and Duetta Towles, Rufus and France Davenport, Pauline Wood, Mayean Miller, Inez Griswold, Nelie Carley, T.A. Smith, Jean Coppick, Larry Kelly, J.W. Eldridge.

Sunday morning, the Senior ladies were given corsages and escorted to their seats by young teens, Charles Spears, Eric Towles, and Marcus Moody. The gentlemen were given boutonnieres and escorted to their seats by Mandy Hughes and Brenda Hughes. Jack and Faye sang a special song he wrote, and the Seniors also sang a song he wrote.

The Seniors returned Sunday night for a supper of baked ham, fried and grilled chicken, green beans, butterbeans, rice, corn, potatoes, garden salad, green salad, tea and soft drinks and desserts including, red velvet and coconut cake, blueberry pie, banana pudding and strawberry delight.

After the meal, everyone played games and received gifts.

Community Thanksgiving Service to be held at Hebron Baptist

A community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Hebron Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m. This service is sponsored by Hebron Baptist Church, Bluff Springs Church, Victoria Baptist Church, Zion Chapel Baptist Church, Dorcas Baptist Church and

Wise Mill Assembly of God. Hebron Baptist Church is located 0.2 miles on County Road 308 off of AL Hwy 87. For more information call, Rev. Mark Jankoski at 308-9134. Everyone is invited to attend.

Elba Church of God plans a barbecue for Saturday November 20

The Elba Church of God will have a barbecue on Saturday, Nov. 20. The barbecue can be purchased at \$5 a plate or \$6 a pound. Please call 897-2989 or 897-1593 to place an order or for more information.

Community-wide Thanksgiving Service

The Elba Ministerial Association will be sponsoring a community-wide Thanksgiving Service this Sunday, Nov. 21. The service will be held on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church.

The service will include testimonies and singing by the churches involved in the ministerial association as well as an offering for the Christian Mission of Elba. Also, there will be a collection box for canned foods, and everyone is encouraged to bring canned foods to supplement the Christian Mission food pantry.

After the service, there will be a "Finger Food Fellowship."

Everyone is cordially invited to come and celebrate God's goodness and blessing towards our community.



WED. PRAYER MEET 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ben Among, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Ray Faulk, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

J. C. Turner, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Rev. Keith Price, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROOKTON METHODIST

Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Albert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW ELZENZER BAPTIST

Rev. Faron Golden, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Larry Wise, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

York-Wyrosdick wedding held in August



Mrs. Samuel Heath Wyrosdick

Couple to be re-united in holy matrimony on Friday, Dec. 3rd



Danny Ray Duncan & Lisa Marie Carley Duncan

Child Find activities announced

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It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

All friends and relatives have a cordial invitation to attend.

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TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ben Among, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

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LIFESTYLES



L to R: Jerry Coleman, Kaye Coleman, Nalani & Lee Coleman-honored couple and Myrna Cotton.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Coleman honored with reception

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31, newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Coleman (nee Nalani Leah Hunter Coleman) were honored with a reception at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast, Charleston House in Enterprise to celebrate the couple's union in marriage.

Following the ceremony, family and friends gathered at the Charleston House in Enterprise to celebrate the couple's union in marriage.

Afterwards, the newlyweds departed for a week-long honeymoon in Grand Cayman, Caramel and New Orleans. The couple resides in Elba.

Myrna Cotton, aunt of the groom, greeted guests and presented them to the bride and groom and step-mother of the groom. Guests were registered by Robyn Rhoades, cousin of the groom.

The beautifully-appointed dining room table was covered with an Army/Navy cloth. A round silver tray lined with white net surrounded by green fern with two white bows on either side of two live birds completed the punch bowl arrangement. Two burning white pillar candles in crystal vases sat on either side of the punch bowl. Greenery, white silk magnolias, and an assortment of white burning candles decorated the mantle. Punch and party dainties of round party sandwiches, cheese straws, cream puffs and petit fours were served throughout the afternoon.

SCHOOLS

Junior High Basketball News

by Morgan Hodge
On Nov. 1, the Eighth Grade boys played Kinston at Zion Chapel. The score when the game was over was Zion Chapel 23, Kinston 41. The lead score for the night was Johnell Brown with 12 points. Jamey White scored 7 points and both Jason Danley and Joshua Roberts added 2 points.

On Nov. 4, the Zion Chapel Junior Varsity teams played Arton at Zion Chapel. Inessa Wambles was the girls high point person with 12 points and Bertha Scott added 8 points. The final score, after a very intense game, was Zion Chapel 20, Arton 21. The leading scorer for the Seventh Grade team was TJ. Winters with 6 points. Austin Smith scored 5 points. Hayden Oshorn scored 3 points. Luke Taylor and Jamie Wise each scored 2 points, and Joshua Smith scored 1 point. The final score was Zion Chapel 19, Arton 21.

On this night Johnell Brown led the Eighth Grade team to their first win of the season with 16 points. Jamey White scored 11 points. Macon Hodge scored 11 points. Jonah McWaters scored 4 points. Jason Danley added 4 points for the final score of Zion Chapel 36, Arton 27.

ZC Team Competes In Energy Bowl

Energy Bowl is a team competition sponsored each year by Alabama Power. The team is composed of four members from one alternate team. Team members are selected and given a packet of information each year in September. This year the information packet contained fourteen pamphlets on such topics as Fusion, Coal, Ethanol, Superconductivity, Decommissioning Nuclear Plants, Photovoltaic cells, and Mining & Our Environment. Team members study the information on their own time. Mrs. Jackie Jirright, team sponsor, said, "These students really deserve a lot of credit. They receive no grade for this. Instead they get a feeling of self-satisfaction when they do well in the competition. Our students placed ninth in the competition and I was very proud of them. They worked very hard on difficult material during their own time. Not many students would have done that." The competition was held at Landmark Park in Dothan. There



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Seniors Attend Career Day

Representatives from Lurleen Burns Wallace State Junior College, Wallace College, Troy State University, Jacksonville State University, and the University of South Alabama, as well as representatives from other institutions of higher learning, were present at the Career Day held for area high school seniors. The activity was held in the Student Union at Enterprise State Junior College.

Zion Chapel's seniors, chaperoned by Guidance Counselor Pat Taylor, attended the event. There they had the opportunity to talk to the representatives from the colleges and universities represented and pick up copies of specially designed recruitment literature. Troy State University had a booklet

named "Discover the New TSU! Viewbook 2000." This booklet, typical of the literature available, explained what is offered at Troy State University. It begins with a message from Chancellor Jack Hawkins which says, "Troy State University provides her students with a great education, wonderful social outlets and memories to last a lifetime." The booklet continues with descriptions of the TSU academic curriculum, student life, athletics, and student organizations.

Seniors who attended this event had a great opportunity to find out what was available as they move toward graduation from high school and begin to make definite decisions about what each will do with their future.

Home Ec's Baby Think It Over Project

The "Baby Think It Over" project is one that is required of Coffee County students enrolled in a Parenting Class in the Home Economics Department.

The purpose of the project is to provide an experience to young adults that simulates the experience of parenting a young infant. Through its related curricula, the program also explores the emotional, financial, and interpersonal ramifications of parenting. It is designed and intended to help young adults understand three important facts about infants. Their demands are unpredictable but nonetheless must be met promptly. They require a great deal of time and attention, and the responsibilities of parenting will change a teen's lifestyle profoundly and in a wide variety of ways.

Since the project is a required project of the Parenting class, the entire project counts four grades. The babies are life size babies that contain an internal computer which records treatment received. The log must be turned in at the end of the project, but it must also be brought to class each day where it is checked to see if it is kept up to date. Comments must be recorded on most entries and if the parent is "working" the names of baby-sitters must be indicated. The baby-sitters have to make notations in the log about crying times, interruptions, and comments.

Students involved in this project are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their baby.



Pictured above are (l-r) Nichole Mitchell, Rebecca Ward, Christie Roberts, Kristie Hall, Vanessa Liprott, and Charles Spears.

They are reminded that their baby should not be left unattended on a dangerous situation.

At the end of the "Baby Think It Over Project", the members of the third period Parenting Class, instructed by Mrs. Joan Hobbs, held a baby shower to celebrate the completion of the project. Mrs. Sharon Sasser and Mrs. Rachel Bryan were invited guests. The guests were served ham and cheese finger sandwiches, lunch sausage and frankfurters cooked in barbecue sauce and jelly, peanut butter balls covered with chocolate, strawberry cobbler, and orange punch.

Members of the class who were available for a picture were Nichole Mitchell, Rebecca Ward, Christie Roberts, Kristie Hall, Vanessa Liprott, and Charles Spears.

Students Cut Red Ribbon Promo Tapes

During the recent celebration of Red Ribbon Week, members of the Zion Chapel Elementary Student Government Association, with the cooperation of the staff and management of WZTJ, cut promo tapes urging everyone to maintain a drug free environment.

While at the radio station, the students were given a guided tour and were shown how things work at the modern station which also airs WELB.

There several other activities held at the school encouraging students to remain drug free.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Stacy Cape, Matt Nelson, and Amie Perry.

are approximately 20 teams that compete.

Team members were Stacey Cape, Matt Nelson, and Amie Perry who are pictured. Lashell Marler and Jill Jirright, also team members, are not pictured because they are co-op students and had already left for their job when the picture was made.

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- When available, use a hands free device.
- Do not take notes or look up phone numbers while driving.
- Do not engage in stressful or emotional conversations that may divert your attention from the road.

For more safety information, you can call the CTIA toll-free at 1-888-901-SAFE or visit the Web site at www.wow-com.com.

Child Find activities for Coffee County are reported

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Heather Arnold Places Second

Heather Arnold placed second in the Coffee County Peanut Recipe Event out of a field of nine contestants from schools in Coffee County, Elba and Enterprise. Heather is president of the local FHA Chapter.

The Alabama Association Future Homemakers of America and the Alabama Peanut Producers Association sponsored the Peanut Recipe STAR Event to provide students an opportunity to use a peanut recipe to gain information on the versatility of the peanut, demonstrate creativity in food preparation, demonstrate cooking expertise, and encourage students to become more aware of food products grown in Alabama.

The event is open to active FHA, HERO or FHA/HERO combined chapter members in grades 7-12 who are or have been enrolled in a family and consumer sciences, occupational or training program which includes related class instruction. Each local chapter can have one entry in the county event.

A main dish which includes peanuts or peanut butter and peanut oil may be entered. The recipe must state the specific product or products used. Dishes not considered a main dish are disqualified. The dish is prepared and then is brought to the place of judging. Heather recipe for Stir Fry Surprise is as follows:

- 1/2 lb. sirloin tip steak
- 1/2 green pepper
- 1/2 cup peanut oil
- 1/2 orange pepper
- 2 T soy sauce
- 1/2 red pepper
- 1 cup broccoli
- 1 T cornstarch
- 1/2 cup onions, sliced
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1/2 t. ginger
- 1 t. sugar

Meat tenderizer, optional

(1) Cut sirloin tip into 1/4-inch strips. (2) Sauté beef in oil until brown; drain. (3) Cook vegetables in microwave on high power until tender. (4) Prepare sauce by mixing sugar, ginger, soy sauce, cornstarch, and water and heat in microwave three minutes or until thick. (5) Stir fry meat and vegetables for two minutes. (6) Pour the sauce over meat. (7) Add peanuts. (8) Stir and garnish with peppers and lettuce. (9) Serve on a bed of rice.

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Co-Op Spotlight



Wesley Sykes

by Natasha Ramin
This week's Co-op spotlight focuses on Wesley Sykes. Wesley is employed at Kleiner's of Alabama. He is a forklift operator and truck loader.

Wesley is the son of Joey and Denise Walden and is a senior at Elba High. He is a member of FBLA and VICA. His future plans are to attend McArthur State Technical College and major in Heating, Ventilation, and Air-conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC/R).

Homecoming '99

Homecoming week has surely gone out with a bang. Many exciting things happened during this week to the students at Elba High School.

During the whole week, students dressed up differently every day because it was dress up week. At nights, students could be found working on class and club floats to be judged in the Homecoming Parade.

SGA sponsored a wall decorating contest where all the grade levels and clubs decorated a wall to be judged.

The winners of the floats were: 1st place - 10th grade float with "Surf the Reddies"; 2nd place - 8th grade float with "Are you Fishing for Red Snapper"; and the 3rd place winner - 9th grade with "Tiger Attack". Category two winners were 1st place the Elba Termite Team, 2nd place was the Elba Elementary School Kindergarten and the 3rd place winner was Terry Spicer's class.

The excitement went even further when the Elba Tigers won their game against the Slocumb Red Taps. Homecoming '99 has surely been an exciting but yet memorable year.



Vaughan Boyd awarded academic scholarship to Presidential Classroom

Presidential Classroom, the nation's leading civic education organization, awarded Vaughan Boyd, of New Brocton, a scholarship for academic excellence. Currently a senior at Elba High School, Miss Boyd was one of one hundred students from around the country selected to receive the Presidential Classroom Academic Scholarship to attend a one-week Presidential Classroom program in Washington, D.C. this winter.

Miss Boyd will join hundreds of top student leaders from around the world and across the nation in Washington for a behind-the-scenes look at federal government. Presidential Classroom scholars take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, the military, media and business. Students are scheduled for a tour of the White House, appointments with their Senators and Representatives' offices and a visit to a foreign embassy.

For information on how to become a Presidential Classroom Scholar, please call toll-free 1-800-244-6533 or visit our web site at <http://www.presidentialclassroom.org>



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Kimberly Ward
Cammie Kelley

TIGER BRIEFS

Junior T-shirts Delivered at Elba High

by Sara K. Miller
There was much excitement in the halls of Elba High School on Thursday, Oct. 28. The Junior class finally received their class T-shirts. The juniors held a meeting and came up with a shirt idea. The shirts were light blue. On the front it says, "Class of 2001. Need we say more?" The back reads, "I don't think the world is ready for us." The juniors wore their shirts proudly on Monday, Nov. 1.

Trick or Treat

by Amy Kirkland
Imagine being in a foreign country and taking part in a traditional holiday. Tina Cordes and Janana (Jackie) Oliveira, two exchange students at EHS, got to experience this situation on Saturday, Oct. 30. Tina, from Germany, and Jackie, from Brazil, said that they had always heard of an American holiday called Halloween. Both thought it sounded fun and interesting, so when they got the opportunity to celebrate by going trick-or-treating, they took it. Mrs. Lynn Weeks, EHS counselor and teacher, went with the girls to several houses, and they enjoyed trick-or-treating very much. While they can't take Halloween home with them, they can take the memories of celebrating it while in the U.S.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Katie Vaughan, daughter of Mark and Candace Vaughan, and Cammie Kelley, daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley, are going to have a very special Thanksgiving vacation this year. They are traveling to New York to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade along with girls from all over the United States. Katie and Cammie will be in New York for six days and will witness during the day and practice for the parade at night. Among some of the sights they will see are the Statue of Liberty, the Smithsonian Museum, they will go ice-skating in Rockefeller Plaza and will see the Radio City Clock, Katie and Cammie are both very excited and invite everyone to watch them in the parade on Thanksgiving Day.

EES: The Chosen One

The students and faculty at Elba Elementary School are all very proud to have their school chosen as a Literacy Demonstration Site by the Alabama Reading Initiative. EES was selected last January. This selection provided the opportunity for the entire staff to attend two weeks of intensive training in effective reading instruction. They are seeing great amounts of progress towards the goal of 100 percent literacy as a result of this training and the involvement in the Reading Initiative.

There are eighty Literacy Demonstration Sites across the state of Alabama. More sites will be added each year in order to eventually have all public schools in the state involved in the Alabama Reading Initiative.

Mercedes-Benz has honored the Alabama Reading Initiative. On Nov. 5-7, Mercedes held an event

Eighth Grade Goes to Kindergarten

Mrs. Donna Clark and the eighth grade pre-vocational class visited the Elba Elementary Kindergarten classes to help with "pumpkin activities." They did this as an FHA/CCFA project and to experience working with children. Each student was assigned to a kindergarten class where they assisted the teacher and students with such activities as: guessing the weight of the pumpkin, measuring the distance around it, guessing how many ridges were on the pumpkin, playing pin-the-mouth on the pumpkin, and carving a jack-o-lantern. The eighth grade students enjoyed spending time with the kindergartners. Some of their comments were:

Jimmy Coleman: "The children were smart and intelligent."

Blake Brunson: "Working with the kindergartners and seeing them smile made me feel good about myself. It's fun to see their smiling faces look up at us and know they admire us."

Mary Katherine Head: "It was fun working with the kids, and I enjoyed a lot. Yet, it seemed weird being back in the elementary school."

Shonda Morris: "It was great helping Mrs. C. Vaughan and her sweet students. It was very generous of her to let us help. Thanks, it was fun."

Bobby Ordan: "It was real nice, and I hope we get to go back."

Zachary Odum: "I loved going back to the elementary school because it brought back memories

of when I was in Kindergarten. They are really creative at their work, and I think they will be a good class in high school."

Ricky Marler: "It was fun to help the kindergartners make pumpkins, and I had a good time."

Christy Eubanks: "I helped in Mrs. Grantham's class. I was surprised at how well behaved and intelligent they were just to be in kindergarten."

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Wrestling: Fake or Fabulous?

by Cammie Kelley

Wrestling has become very popular in the last year. Many people anxiously wait for Monday night, WWF Raw is extremely exciting to many ages. Talking trash, slinging chairs, and body slamming are just a few characteristics of wrestling. Violence is again shown through this popular sport. Is this healthy?

Many teens have already begun to imitate their favorite wrestling stars. They demonstrate their favorite moves to their friends at school. Sure, they are just admiring "superstars," but what would happen if a child stepped out of their childlike world and became angry and enraged? Would they vent their anger by "powerbombling" their friend, parent, or teacher? Has anyone told children that this is make-believe? Are children aware that hitting someone with a chair or diving onto someone can lead to serious injury or death? Wrestling can be humorous if one knows that it is not real, however, what effect is it having on people who believe it is real and intriguing? Teenagers have started hosting "backyard brawls" for entertainment. People gather and watch as if these brawls are a real sporting event. The issue that makes this serious is that these kids

are not trained wrestlers. They punch, kick, and hit other kids with chairs for fun. They are simply not concerned with the fact that body-slaming is dangerous. They get an adrenaline rush from this and are not concerned with the dangers of this imitation.

On the other hand, it is a very unusual and different sport. The wrestlers are trained professionals, and they know the art extremely well. Wrestling has been around for many years; however, the wrestling craze began about a year ago. Many viewers see it as a fun sporting event. Most audiences are aware that it is fake and watch it because it is amusing.

I interviewed different students, and they all had differing views. I simply asked, "Do you like wrestling and why?" Here are Elba High students' and teachers' replies:

Sara Purvis: "I love wrestling. I like to learn moves so I can beat up

Ben."

Coach Weeks: "I like wrestling. I like to hear them talk their junk."

Alex Benbow: "I don't like wrestling; it's just too fake."

Derrick Brooks: "I like wrestling because it's fun to watch. It's a lot like a soap opera."

Cassius Wilson: "I like wrestling because it's a very aggressive sport."

Mrs. Griggs: "No, I don't like wrestling. It's too fake."

Jaquinta Knighton: "I like wrestling because I get to see so many fine men."

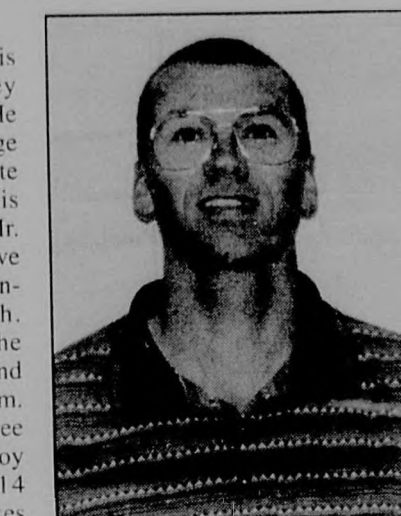
Wrestling is a very controversial sport. You either like it or you don't. It is important to inform children that it is not real. Of course, it is not very hard to notice that. It is aggressive; however, so is football. Wrestling can be summed up like this: "Different strokes for different folks." Wrestling: "Which view suits you?"

Meet Our Faculty

by Kimberly Ward

This week's teacher spotlight is Mr. Leroy Carnley. Mr. Carnley attended Kinston High School. He attended ESJC, LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga., and Troy State University where he received his Masters in Special Education. Mr. Carnley has been teaching for five years and teaches Specific Learning Disabilities at Elba High. Coach Carnley also coaches the Varsity Girls Basketball team and the Junior Varsity Volleyball team. He and his wife, Janet, have three children: Lecanna Janice, 8; Leroy Jake, 5; and Landon Jay, 14 months. When asked what he likes most about teaching, he responded,

"The fact that every student has potential and finding ways each day to reach that potential." He also states that, "The support of the



Leroy Carnley
administration, faculty, community, and the 'atmosphere' is his favorite thing about Elba."

Elba Elementary School Menu November 22 & 23, 1999

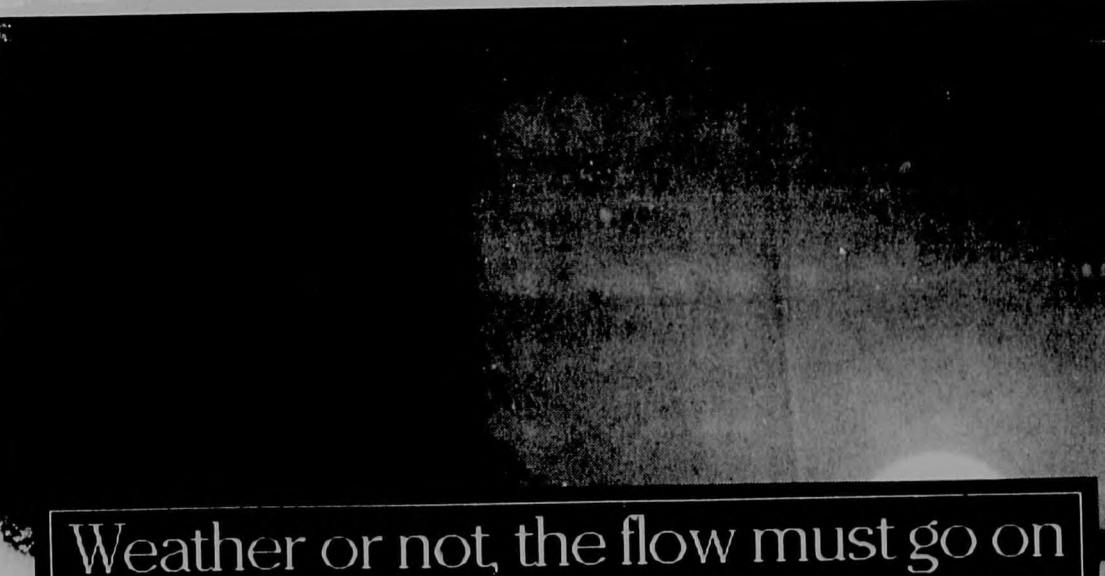
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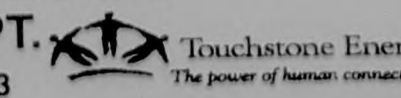
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Area News

Curtis School reunion enjoyed by all

Pictured -The Rev. John W. Bryan in regalia worn by Methodist ministers during circuit rider days of late 1800s. Rev. Bryan shared fond memories of his first school days at Curtis.



The 14th annual Curtis School Reunion was held Saturday, Oct. 9, at the New Ebenezer Baptist Church pavilion. The Rev. John W. Bryan, shown in late 1800 style clothing worn by Circuit riding Methodist ministers, was the honored alumnus. Also, Frances Taylor Bannon, former third grade teacher, was given a

plaque by her former students. Mrs. Bannon taught in the mid-1940s, during WWII and later returned to college to finish her degree. Many wonderful memories were shared by approximately one hundred people who attended. The reunion is held annually the second Saturday in October.



Pictured-Dollie Jacobs Moore, Frances Taylor Bannon, Billy King, Christine Wilson Knudson, Roland Cowen and Max Anderson at Curtis School Reunion.

Wallace Community College to host Career Expo

Wallace Community College's Aviation Campus at Ozark will host employers and military recruiters at Career Expo '99 on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 9-11 a.m., in Sasser Cafeteria. WCC alumni, students, and the public are invited to meet with employers to discuss job opportunities with representatives from aviation and industrial business sectors. Representatives from area businesses will be in attendance. For more information contact Kathy Davis at 334-774-5113 or 1-800-543-2426 Ext. 5610.

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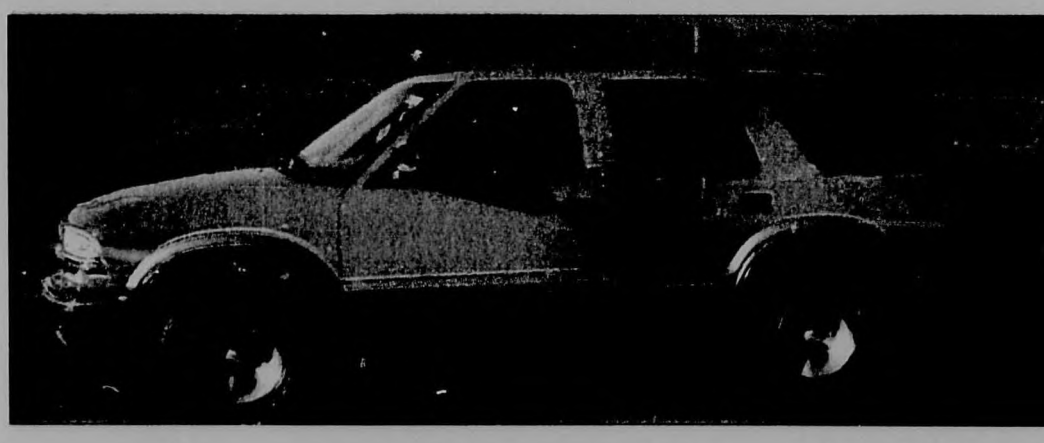
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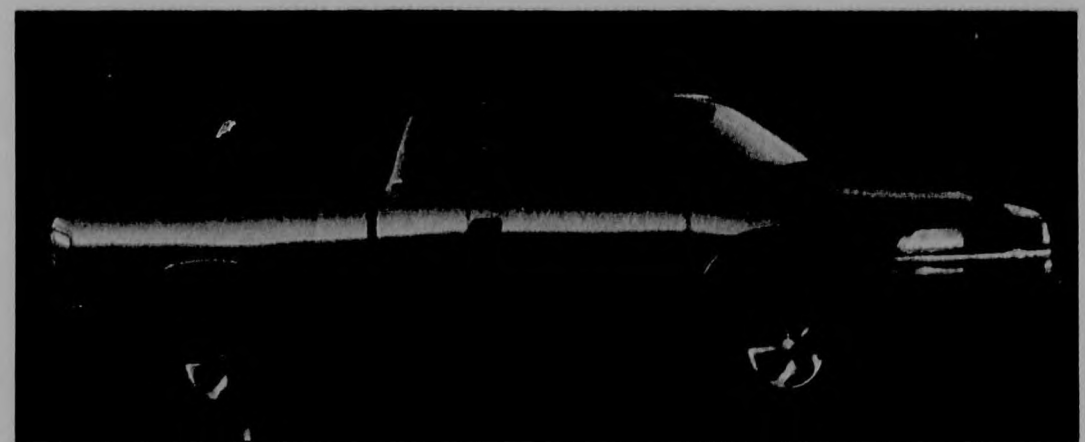
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Christmas is just around the corner, and that means for the next five weeks Mom and Dad have an excuse not to go when the girls ask if they can go to the Mall and do some shopping. Melissa thinks she needs at least one new pair of jeans and a shirt every other week, while Melanie makes certain she gets equal attention whenever big sister gets anything. Hey, maybe they aren't too old to threaten with losing some gifts if they don't mind, and help out around the house, either. This time of the year isn't so bad after all!

C, B & T TOURNAMENT ALREADY ONE OF STATE'S BEST

The C, B and T Invitational Basketball Tournament will take place next week at New Brockton and Kinston, and although the tourney is only a few years old, it is already one of the state's top high school events. This year 12 boys teams and 8 girls teams will battle for the tourney titles, and over the course of four days a total of 21 games will be played at the New Brockton gym, with 9 games to be played at Kinston. The tournament has both a winner's bracket and a consolation bracket, which means every team is guaranteed two games, and the winners of both the winner's bracket and the consolation bracket in the boys event could play as many as four games over the four days of the tournament. The girls tourney is even busier, with six of the eight teams guaranteed to play three games during the event. If you can read a bracket you will understand what will take place. If not, just show up at the New Brockton gym just about any time next week and you will get to see high school basketball action!

Taking a look at the boys brackets, it looks like possibly the top two teams in the tournament could very well play each other in the opening round at 4:30. The winner of this opening round game should be considered the heavy favorite to win the tourney, especially when you look and see G.W. Long and Florida are also in the lower part of the bracket. The top part of the bracket has only one team that posted a winning record last year (New Brockton), and it should be a cake walk for the New Brockton Gamecocks to make it to the finals.

The girls brackets are also lopsided, with New Brockton, Elba and G.W. Long in the top of the bracket, while Arton appears to be the only team in the bottom to have any chance at all in taking the title. The winner of the Elba-G.W. Long opener should make the finals against Arton, but one thing is for sure, all the girls teams will get plenty of early-season action, since six of the eight teams will play three games.

If you are a true high school basketball fan, the turkey may have to take a back seat next week!

BRANTLEY STAYS ALIVE IN PLAYOFFS, GAMECOCKS OUSTED

The second round of the high school football playoffs was held last week, and locally the Brantley Bulldogs continued their march to what many think will be a second straight state championship with a big 39-14 win over Autaugauneville, while the New Brockton Gamecocks were shown the way out of the post-season party with a 41-13 loss to Reeltown. Here's a quick look back.

BRANTLEY (12-0) hit the road to Autaugauneville and came home still very much alive in the 1A playoff race with a big 39-14 win over Autaugauneville. The Bulldogs could have been flat after Autaugauneville ousted second-ranked Natuslega in a Round 1 upset, but that wasn't the case as the Bulldogs showed the Eagles what the difference was between being #1 and #2. Bo Daniels and Darrell Owens both had big nights running the football, while the Bulldog defense continued to flex its muscles. It was a big win on the road, and one in which the Bulldogs got a chance to try out most of their weapons, if just for practice.

NEW BROCKTON (5-7) was picked by many to win its second round battle against Reeltown, but the Gamecocks had to live with a magic fizzle out Friday night as they were clubbed 41-13 by the visiting Rebels. The Gamecocks appeared to be simply going through the motions on offense in the first half and only moved the chains twice in two quarters, then in the second half seemed to wear down on defense under the constant pounding of the Reeltown running game. The Gamecocks overcame numerous injuries to key performers and had to teach many youngsters how to play in actual games just to win the game and get past the opening round of the playoffs, and Friday night it looked like the Gamecocks simply ran out of gas.

SURPRISES CONTINUE IN ROUND TWO OF PREP PLAYOFFS

The second round of the state high school football playoffs was held last week, and once again the games were filled with surprises. Here's a quick look back at Round Two of the playoffs....

CLASS 6A - Two former football powers moved on into quarter-final action when Lanier upset Daphne 26-23 and Robert E. Lee stunned Opelika 14-3, while Vigor was knocked out of the playoffs in a 22-12 upset loss to Theodore. Only unbeaten Alma Bryant survived the rash of upsets in the South with a narrow 17-14 win over McGill-Toolen. Up north, Coach Joey Jones' Mt. Brook team rolled along undefeated with a 31-23 win over Vestavia Hills.

CLASS 5A - Shelby County won its protest over Blount on Monday and then scored late Friday night to edge past Opp 22-21. The rest of the bracket in 5A went pretty much as expected, with Eufula slipping past Stanhope-Elmore 28-23, in the top game of round two.

CLASS 4A - Tallassee followed up its whipping of Dale County with a 31-0 romp past Dadeville, and it looks like the Tigers may be a contender, after all. Geneva stumbled a bit before getting past a solid Greensboro club 22-6, while St. Paul's and Jenison both made it look easy. In the upper half of the state, Deshler kept on winning with a 56-14 romp past Leeds.

CLASS 3A - Aliceville surprised St. James 29-22 for the only upset in the 3A ranks, while UMS-Wright and Briarwood continued to roll along with easy wins. Springville edged past Colbert County 28-27, in double-overtime, to grab the headlines up north.

CLASS 2A - Wicksburg saw its undefeated season end abruptly with a 35-0 loss to defending state champ Southern Choctaw, while Geneva County got wiped out by Maplesville 38-7 and New Brockton fell hard to Reeltown 41-13. The only area team to survive was Highland Home, which slipped past Houston County 13-7. Lineville and Hazlewood continued their march toward a semi-final clash with easy wins up in the northern part of the state.

CLASS 1A - G.W. Long edged past Wadley 8-0 and Brantley blasted Autaugauneville 39-14 to continue along undefeated, while Florida and Loachapoka continued to be the surprise teams in the 1A ranks with big wins. Up north, American Christian outscored Hubbertville 69-49, and has to be considered a favorite.

ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO EASY

I watched every single play of the Alabama win over Mississippi State over the weekend, and have to admit that I was impressed with the Tide's effort on defense. The Bama defense bottled up the State running game throughout the game, and showed that it was tough enough to go head-to-head with the huge Bulldog linemen. I thought Andrew Zow had a terrible game, but the offense did score enough points to get the win. Zow will have to play much better for the Tide to have a chance this week down on the Plains, and the defense will have to play just as good, if not better. It was a very big win. However, I still think Mississippi State is the most over-rated team in the SEC, if not the nation.

Auburn apparently put it all together in the Tigers shocking win over Georgia. The Tigers had been making excuses all season long when

they lost, and maybe some of the excuses were true, because Saturday night they ripped the 'Dawgs apart. I know that Georgia was not the best team Auburn had played, but it still took a stellar effort from a whole lot of players and coaches to post such an impressive win on the road. All of the sudden it looks like Tommy's Tigers may be favored to continue their dominance of Alabama on the Plains. One thing for sure, it will be a different set of Tigers that take the field Saturday afternoon.

Troy State saw its #1 ranking slip away with a big loss to McNeese State on Saturday night, down in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Trojans had been rolling along all season long and had made winning look easy, but they may have been reading their own press clippings a little too much, and forgot that games are won on the field, and not based upon what is written in the papers. It will be interesting to see how the Trojans bounce back now that they know they can be beaten.

Tennessee Athletic Director Doug Dickey was in Mobile last week speaking to the "1st and 10 Club" and stated that the high intensity of big-time college football programs tended to diminish the profile of high school football in some metropolitan areas, and declared it was "not healthy" for the future of the high school game. Dickey stated that while high school football was a vital part of the American way of life, its importance had declined in recent years among high school students. The former coach is right, many high school kids today would rather get a job and make money, or just sit and watch, instead of making the sacrifice required to play sports. One thing is for certain, if the high school programs continue to falter, the college programs will soon be in trouble, also.

I don't agree with Blount coach Cornelius Brown's statement that his team's forfeit loss to Shelby County was racially motivated. However, I do agree that in this case the punishment did not fit the crime. Blount was forced to forfeit its opening round playoff win over Shelby County last week when it was discovered that two Blount players were not listed on the team's eligibility report that had been sent to the Alabama High School Athletic Association. Both players were academically eligible to play and met all other requirements, but their names were not listed with the state on the necessary paperwork. Apparently the coaches at Shelby County noticed

All Coffee County teams to take part

Twenty prep teams entered in C, B & T Thanksgiving basketball tournament

The C, B and T Thanksgiving Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held next week at both the New Brockton High School and Kinston High School gyms, with a total of 12 boys teams and 8 girls teams competing for the coveted crowns. Boys teams competing include

Elba Junior Tigers stumble during another busy week on hardwood

The Elba Junior High Tiger basketball team has been on a roll last week and found the going a little too tough as the boys and girls teams combined to drop five of six decisions.

The week's action ended with the 8th grade boys' game, a 5-1 record, followed by the 7th grade boys at 4-1, 9th grade girls 2-2 and 8th grade girls 0-3.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA GRADE BOYS

ELBA 37
DAUPHIN 36

The Elba 8th graders staged a furious fourth quarter rally to escape from Enterprise with an exciting 37-36 win over Dauphin Junior High. The Tigers trailed 25-23 heading into the final stanza, but rallied late to post the win.

Marchello Reed scored 10 points and Kirby Gray added 9 to lead Elba, while Hill scored 14 and Ventress scored 10 to lead Dauphin.

Elba (37): Curran 2, Dye 4, Gray 9, Horstead 4, Hill 2, Reed 10, Daniels 2, Thompson 3, Hill 14, Jones 4, Peters 4, Ventress 10, Etheridge 4.

C.H.M.S. 37
ELBA 25

The Elba 8th grade Tigers dropped their first game of the season as Charles Henderson Middle School pulled ahead early and led all the way to post a 37-25 win.

The Tigers fell behind 17-9 at intermission, saw Henderson extend its lead to 28-17 by the end of the third quarter, and never caught up in taking the loss.

Marchello Reed scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Hooten scored 14 for Henderson.

C.H.M.S. (37): Kyle 10, Hooten 14, Boykin 5, Suddith 5, Clower 1, Van Horn 2.
Elba (25): Gray 6, Horstead 4, Reed 15.

7TH GRADE BOYS

C.H.M.S. 49
ELBA 28

The Elba 8th grade Tigers saw their early-season winning streak stopped in a 49-28 loss to Charles Henderson, of Troy.

The Tigers rallied from a 24-12 halftime deficit to pull within 30-21 heading into the final stanza, but never got any closer as they took the loss.

Jessie Thigpen scored 17 points

Youth basketball registration extended until Nov.19

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that it has extended the deadline for registration to play Youth Basketball until Friday, November 19, at 5:00 PM. Teams will be chosen the

number of players on Blount's roster didn't match the number of the playoffs as took place Friday night. The local guesser just scratched his head when told of his 10-4 state for the week, but did smile a little when informed that his yearly totals now stood at 265-73. He didn't seem very confident with this week's picks, but did leave'em, and here they are....

PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS THROUGH PLAYOFF PICKINGS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by Sunday morning and said he could not believe that there were so many upsets in the second round of the playoffs as took place Friday night. The local guesser just scratched his head when told of his 10-4 state for the week, but did smile a little when informed that his yearly totals now stood at 265-73. He didn't seem very confident with this week's picks, but did leave'em, and here they are....

BRANTLEY VS. FLORIDA

The Elba and Florida Wildcats were undefeated and convinced that they were on their way to a state championship when they met the Brantley Bulldogs in the playoffs. This season the shoe is on the other foot, and it is the Bulldogs that are unbeaten and picked to win it all. Different season, same result!

BRANTLEY 43 FLORIDA 20

OTHER PICKS:

Alma Bryant 17 Lanier 14
R.E. Lee 21 Theodore 13
Eufula 28 Shelby County 14
Williamson 34 Valley 13
Maplesville 41 Reeltown 6
Tallassee 24 St. Paul's 21
Loachapoka 22 G.W. Long 20
Geneva 21 Jenison 15

UMS-Wright 27 Aliceville 25

Southern Choctaw 28 Highland Home 7

Maplesville 41 Reeltown 6

Loachapoka 22 G.W. Long 20

Geneva 21 Jenison 15

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

At New Brockton.

Boys Tournament
3:00 - Florida vs. Arton
4:30 - Elba vs. Enterprise
6:00 - Kinston vs. Houston County
7:30 - New Brockton vs. Ashford

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

At New Brockton.

Girls Tournament
11:00 - Elba vs. G.W. Long
12:30 - New Brockton vs. Rehoboth
Boys Tournament
2:00 - Samson vs. Kinston-Houston County winner
3:30 - Rehoboth vs. New Brockton-Ashford winner
At Kinston.
Girls Tournament
11:00 - Elba vs. Samson
12:30 - Kinston vs. Arton
Boys Tournament
2:00 - Zion Chapel vs. Elba-Enterprise winner
3:30 - G.W. Long vs. Florida-Arton winner

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, November 19
Kinston at Zion Chapel (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00
Tuesday, November 23
McKenzie at Zion Chapel (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00
C, B & T Tournament, New Brockton
Wednesday, November 24
C, B & T Tournament, New Brockton and Kinston

JUNIOR HIGH

Thursday, November 18
Elba at Opp (7B-8G-8B) 4:30
Kinston at New Brockton (7B-9G-8B) 4:00
Friday, November 19
New Brockton at Arton (9G-9B) 5:00
Monday, November 22
Enterprise at Elba (8G-8B) 5:00
Enterprise at New Brockton (9G-9B) 5:00
Tuesday, November 23
Elba at Charles Henderson (7B-8G-8B) 5:00
New Brockton at G.W. Long (8B) 3:30

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SPORTS

Ousted from 2A grid playoffs

Brockton bounced by Reeltown 41-13

By Josh Lewis, Sports writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their run through the Class 2A football playoffs hit a dead end Friday night when the Reeltown Rebels came to town and turned six Gamecock turnovers into four Rebel touchdowns en route to an easy 41-13 win.

The loss left the Gamecocks with a final record of 5-7, while the Rebels advanced to the third round of the playoffs with a 6-6 record.

Neither team could move the football early in the game as both defenses dominated the action, and it was the Reeltown defense that set up the first score of the night when the Rebels pounced on a fumble at the New Brockton 35-yardline.

It took Reeltown six plays to cover the distance to the endzone, with the score coming on fourth down and two, when Joe Mack Hutcherson broke loose and raced 12 yards for the score. The two-point try failed, but with 11:55 left in the second quarter the Rebels were on the board with a 6-0 lead.

New Brockton failed to generate any offense in the second quarter, but got a break midway through the stanza when a high snap on a Reeltown punt attempt set the Game-

cocks up at the Rebel 14-yardline.

The Gamecock offense was unable to take advantage of the turnover, however, and the scoring opportunity went by the board when on fourth down a faked field-goal attempt was stopped all the way back at the Reeltown 29-yardline.

A long Reeltown punt panned the Gamecocks up deep in their territory late in the half, and the Rebels used two time-outs to prevent New Brockton from running out the clock before the Rebels could get another chance to add to their lead.

The Rebels got the ball at the Gamecock 44-yardline with 1:11 left in the half and mixed in the run and pass to quickly move the ball downfield. L.A. O'Neal scored the Reeltown touchdown with just :22 remaining in the half, and while the two-point pass fell incomplete, the Rebels went in at intermission with a 12-0 advantage.

New Brockton brought its fans to their feet as the second half opened when Jason McKenzie fielded the second half kickoff at the 10-yardline, cut across the field and raced 78 yards to set the Gamecocks up at the Reeltown 12-yardline. Pate Harrison bootied the extra-point, and with 10:47 left in the third quarter the Gamecocks had pulled within 12-7, and the New Brockton fans were hoping that their team had once again found the second half magic that had carried the Gamecocks to a number of exciting wins during the season.

The New Brockton defense came up with a big play midway through the quarter when Kellen Cole pounced on a Rebel fumble at the Gamecock 23-yardline, but the Gamecocks gave the ball right back on a fumble of their own, and this time the Rebels marched into the endzone to add to their lead.

Cory Smith capped off the scoring drive with a 13-yard touchdown run, and the Rebels tacked on the two-point pass, as they extended their lead to 26-7 with 4:20 remaining in the quarter.

New Brockton was determined to answer the Reeltown score, and quickly moved back downfield to a first and goal at the Rebel 7-yardline.

The big play in the drive was a 34-yard pass from Kellen Cole to Andre Flowers, but the Gamecocks saw the scoring opportunity go by the board when on third down a Cole pass was intercepted in the endzone.

New Brockton stopped the Rebels on the ensuing possession and forced a punt, but the Gamecocks' return man fumbled the punt at the Brockton 21-yardline, and the Rebels scored on the very next play on a 21-yard run by Hutcherson to take command. The extra-point was true, and with 10:41 left in the fourth quarter Reeltown was pulling away with a 27-7 advantage.

The Gamecocks were down, but not about to quit, and stunned the Reeltown defense by scoring on a long-distance connection from Cole to Flowers.

The senior duo teamed up on a crossing pattern, and Flowers pulled away from the Rebel defense to race 74 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 9:10 still left in the quarter New Brockton had cut the deficit to 27-13, and still had hopes of another fourth quarter comeback.

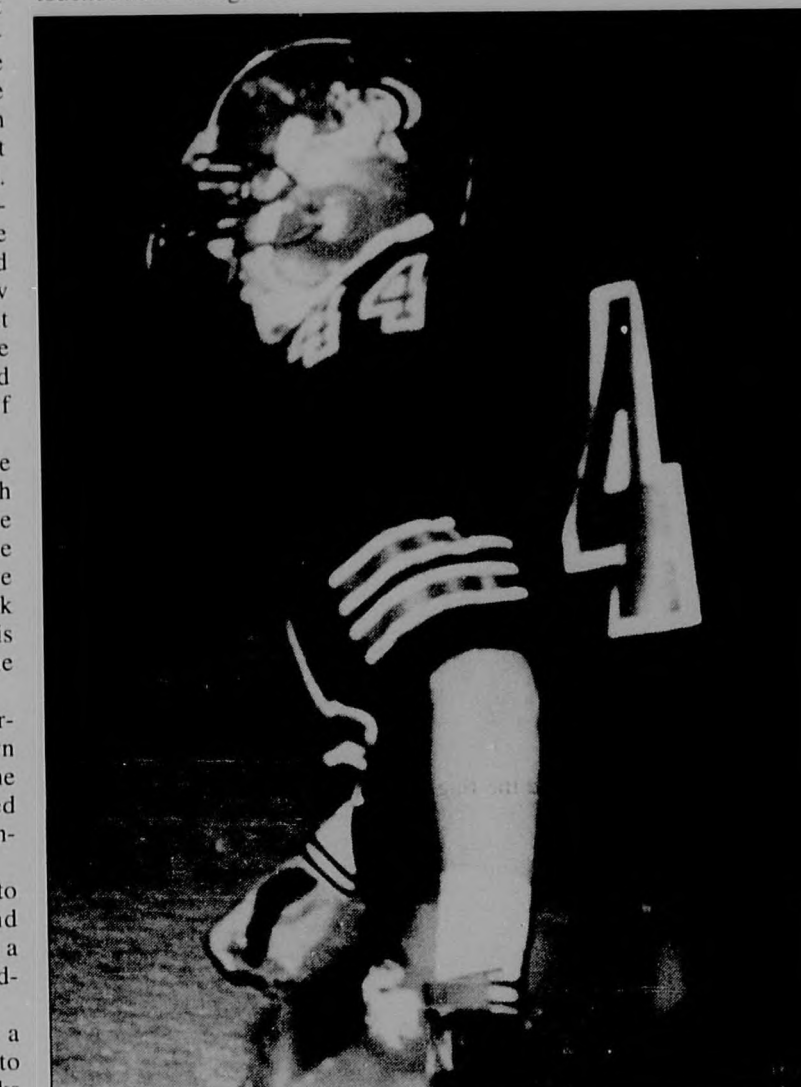
Those hopes were quickly dashed, however, as the Gamecocks' ensuing on-sides kick attempt was downed at the New Brockton 44-yardline, and from there it took Reeltown only six plays to get back into the endzone and put the win in the bag.

Reeltown added a final score following yet another Gamecock turnover, and as the clock ticked down to :00, the New Brockton reserves got playoff experience in the 41-13 loss to the Rebels.

Jason McKenzie gained 40 yards



New Brockton's Jason McKenzie (1) fights off a would-be Reeltown tackler as he heads up the sidelines on a 78-yard kickoff return in last week's loss to the Rebels. The long return set up the Gamecocks' first touchdown of the game.



New Brockton's Pate Harrison (44) heads to war in the Gamecocks' playoff battle against Reeltown. Harrison, a senior, linebacker, made 15 tackles to lead the Gamecock defense in the loss to the Rebels.

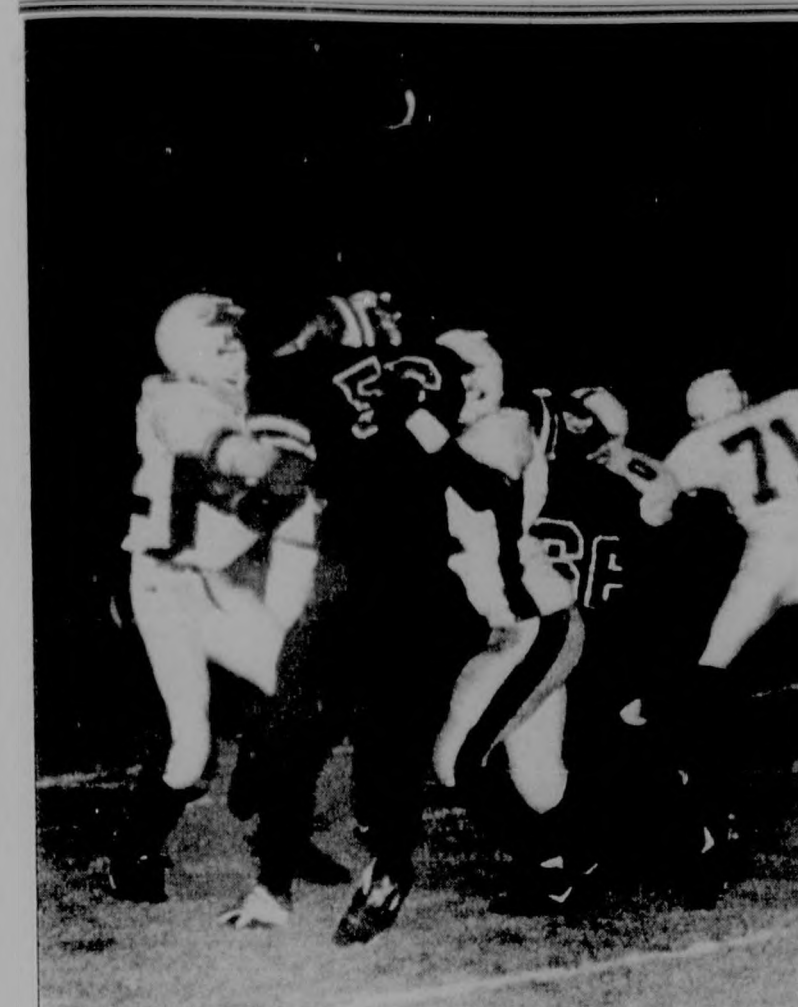
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11 carries and Pate Harrison added 23 yards on 5 carries to lead the New Brockton ground game.	6	20
while Kellen Cole hit on 6 of 11 passes for 144 yards. Pate Harrison made 15 tackles to lead the New Brockton defense, and Adrian Grimes added 14 stops.	144	300
	163	52
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	4/4	4-7-0
	5	3/1
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LYNN LEWIS is shown with a 10 point, 213 pound buck she bagged on November 13th, while she and husband Keith were on a week long hunt in Texas. It was opening day of white tail deer hunting in Texas and they were invited guests of a friend who owns an 8,000 ranch near Uvalde, Texas. Lynn was hunting with a Browning 308 rifle and estimates the distance at 75 yards.

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New Brockton's Adrian Grimes (56) tries to get past two Reeltown blockers to apply pressure as a Rebel pass sails over his helmet. Also applying pressure for the Gamecocks is Jody McCormick (68). The Gamecocks were defeated by Reeltown 41-13 in the second round of the 2A football playoffs.

High school football playoffs move into third round with 48 teams still in title hunt

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's "High School Football Playoffs" will enter its quarter-final round this week, with a total of eight teams in each of the state's six classifications still alive in their fight to win a state championship.

Following is a complete listing of all quarter-final games, with all games to be played on Friday night at 7:00, unless noted:

CLASS 6A
Sidney Lanier (8-4) at Alma Bryant (12-0), Irvington
Theodore (8-4) at Lee-Montgomery (6-6), Cranton Bowl
Shades Valley (10-2) at Mr. Brooks (12-0)
Clay-Chalkville (9-3) at Pellham (10-2)

CLASS 5A
Eufula (11-1) at Shelby County (7-5), Columbiana
Valley (8-4) at Williamson (8-4), Ladd-Reebles Stadium
Etowah (11-0) at Walker (12-0), Jasper
Athens (10-2) at Gadsden (11-1)

CLASS 4A
Tallassee (12-0) at St. Pauls (11-1), Mobile
Geneva (12-0) at Jenison (11-1), Hamilton (9-3) at Midfield (9-3)
Deshler (11-1) at Carbon Hill (12-0)

CLASS 3A
UMS-Wright (9-3) at Aliceville (9-2)
Briarwood Christian (10-2) at Trinity (7-4), Montgomery
Phil Campbell (9-3) at Lincoln (10-1)
Springville (12-0) at Plainview (12-0), Rainsville

CLASS 2A
Southern Choctaw (10-2) at Highland Home (10-2)
Reeltown (6-6) at Maplesville (11-1)
Sand Rock (10-2) at Lineville (12-0)
Hazlewood (11-1) at Cherokee (11-1)
G.W. Long (12-0) at Loachapoka (8-4)
Brantley (12-0) at Florida (8-4)

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SPORTS

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Brantley guns down Eagles 39-14

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs took step two towards the Class 1A state football championship Friday night with an impressive 39-14 victory over the Autaugaville Eagles, in Autaugaville.

The hard hitting Bulldog defense caused three turnovers and blocked a punt to control the game, while Bo Daniels rushed for over 200 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Brantley began a drive at its own 34-yardline midway through the opening quarter, and on the fourth play of the drive appeared to get on the scoreboard when Bo Daniels broke loose and raced 48 yards for an apparent touchdown. The scoring dash was nullified by a clipping penalty at the two-yardline that moved the ball back to the Eagle 17, but two runs by Daniels moved the football to the one-yardline, and on the next play quarterback Andy Johnson sneaked over for the first touchdown of the game. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point and with 3:02 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were off and running with a 7-0 lead.

Brantley's Darrell Owens put the Bulldogs right back in business only two plays later when he recovered a Redondo Carroll fumble at the Autaugaville 18-yardline, and three plays later Brantley was back in the endzone as Bo Daniels scored on a 4-yard run up the middle. Gregory Daniels drilled the extra-point try, and Brantley was on top 14-0 with :08 still left in the opening stanza.

Autaugaville put the ball in play at its own 17-yardline after an exchange of punts, and with the aid of two 15-yard penalties against Brantley, stormed down the field to score its first points of the night.

The Eagles covered the 83 yards in 10 plays, with the touchdown coming on a 25-yard pass from Redondo Carroll to J.R. Andrews. Jermaine Sanders ran in for the two-point conversion, and with 5:41 remaining in the second quarter the Eagles had cut the Brantley lead to 14-8.

Darrell Owens again set the Bulldog offense up late in the half when he broke through to block a punt, and Brantley responded by going on a five play, 24-yard scoring march to regain command. Bo Daniels got the call on all five plays, and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard dash around the right end. A two-point try failed, however, with :26 remaining in the half the Bulldogs were ahead 20-8.

The defenses dominated play early in the third quarter, with an exchange of punts pinning the Eagles back deep in their own territory. A bad snap on a punt attempt set Brantley up at the Autaugaville 7-yardline, and after two running plays netted only two yards, Bo Daniels got the call on a pitch around left end and dove into the endzone for his third touchdown of the night. A two-point try failed, but Brantley was back in charge with a 26-8 advantage with 4:45 remaining in the third quarter.

Shawn Person put an end to the next Eagle possession with an interception at the Brantley 37-yardline, and the Bulldogs quickly turned the interception into points as they blew the game open.

A 48-yard scamper by Bo Daniels on the first snap after the turnover set the Bulldogs up at the Autaugaville 15-yardline, and on the next snap Darrell Owens took a handoff and went straight up the middle 15 yards for the touchdown. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point, and with 3:50 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs owned a big 33-8 lead.

The Brantley defense came up with yet another big play on the



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) is off and running in the Bulldogs' big 39-14 win over Autaugaville. Daniels gained over 200 yards and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs past the Eagles in the second round of the 1A football playoffs.

next Autaugaville possession, as Bobby Phillips broke through to cause an Eagle fumble that was scooped up by Lavon Brooks. Brooks raced 60 yards into the endzone for what appeared to be another Brantley score, but the touchdown was nullified by a clipping penalty, and as the third quarter drew to a close the Bulldogs were still on top 33-8.

Brantley's second team offense drove 37 yards in five plays late in the fourth quarter to score the Bulldogs' final points of the night.

Tyrone Knighten carried four times for 29 yards in the five-play scoring drive, and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run. The extra-point try was blocked, but it made no difference as Brantley was ahead 39-8 with only 2:36 remaining in the game.

Autaugaville made the final score a little closer by scoring a touchdown with :36 left on the clock.

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5-36	Punts-Ave.

Brantley to travel to Florala Friday night to battle high-scoring Florala Wildcats

The Brantley Bulldogs will continue their quest to repeat as Class 1A state football champions Friday night when they travel to Florala to tangle with the surprising Florala Wildcats, in third round quarterfinal action.

The Bulldogs will bring a 12-0 record and an 18-game winning streak into the third round clash, while the Wildcats will enter the contest with a 8-4 record.

Brantley continued to roll past any and all challengers last week with a 39-14 playoff win over Autaugaville, and combined an explosive offense with a hard-hitting defense to get the road win.

The Bulldogs' Bo Daniels gained over 200 yards in the win and scored three touchdowns to push his yearly totals to 1233 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns, while Darrell Owens also had a big night as he closed in on the 1000 yard mark and scored his 16th touchdown of the season. Andy Johnson went to the air only sparingly in the easy win, but did move his season totals to 953 yards passing, with 12 touchdowns and only 1 interception.

The Bulldog defense caused three turnovers and blocked a punt in the win, and continued to be led by such standouts as Lavon Brooks, Tyrone Knighten, Darrell Owens, Bo Daniels, Gregory Daniels, Shawn Person and Tyrone Knighten, not to mention Zack Burnett, who has picked off 11 passes in the Bulldogs' 12 wins!

Florala has been one of the state's most successful teams throughout the season, and has scored an average of over 33 points a game in rolling to its 8-4 record.



This Brantley cheerleader hopes to have plenty more to smile about Friday night when the Bulldogs battle with Florala in Class 1A quarterfinal action.

The Wildcats have scored over 50 points on three occasions, and has scored over 30 points in half of its twelve games.

The explosive Wildcats are led by tailback Junior Oates, who had rushed for 321 yards in two playoff games, and has gained almost 2000 yards for the season. Matt Geoba-

gen gives the 'Cats a solid 1-2 punch from his position in the backfield, while quarterback Joey Eason gives Florala an added weapon with his strong passing arm.

The Florala defense was under-rated for much of the season, due to the fact the Wildcat reserves saw considerable playing time in the Wildcats' lopsided wins, and allowed opponents to roll up big numbers late in the games. The Florala defense stepped up in its opening round playoff win over A.L. Johnson and again last week in its win over Bibb Graves, and all of a sudden seems to have rededicated itself.

Florala was undefeated last season before falling to the Brantley Bulldogs in the second round of the playoffs 17-7, and Friday night will be looking to repay the favor when the undefeated Bulldogs come to town. Kick-off will be 7:00 PM.

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Elba All-Star Lighting Ceremony is new event for Elba Christmas Festival this year

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will present the 12th Annual Christmas Festival and Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, with a special first time event planned to close out the day.

As always, the Christmas Festival will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27 (Saturday after Thanksgiving), with lots of arts and crafts exhibits, food, entertainment, and fun for the whole family planned throughout the day until the beginning of the parade at 5 p.m. Then, at 5 p.m. the spectators will get to enjoy the Christmas parade as it makes its way through the streets of Elba, but this is where things change a bit.

Usually, the day's events would conclude with the parade, and everyone would pack up and go home. That's not the case this year.

At 6 p.m., everyone will be invited to come to the courthouse square to witness a live nativity scene, but also for a very special ceremony.

This wonderful day of fun and joy for the holiday season will be capped off with the first ever "Elba All-Star Lighting Ceremony."

The atmosphere will be filled with the Christmas spirit as the courthouse square will be beautifully decorated with Christmas lights and wreaths, and this will highlight the all-star ceremony as we take time to renew and reflect on the memories of the city's past by honoring some of Elba's "biggest hearts."

Elba's residents are being asked to nominate an Elba person(s) "with a big heart" to participate in this All-Star celebration. Application will be reviewed and approximately 20 citizens will be asked to participate in this ceremony concluding the Christmas festival.

The All-Star Lighting Ceremony will begin with the "elves" who will be at the end of the parade carrying

a sign simply saying, "Follow us to the all-star lighting ceremony." They will be pulling wagons loaded with small candles, and they will pass these candles out to the citizens as they approach the square.

The ceremony will take place on the main stage for the festival, and the all-stars will gather inside the courthouse to be announced by the emcee one at a time. As the all-stars are announced, he/she will light a candle on stage and then enter the crowd to light other candles being held by all citizens.

When all of the all-stars have been introduced, area choirs will join in spontaneous carol singing. The candles that will be lit by the all-stars on the stage will form a huge heart to symbolize Elba's own slogan, "Elba, small town - big heart."

This first time event should be one to remember, but nominations for the all-stars are needed to make it a success. So, if you know anyone who fits the above description, pick up an application at an area business or call the Elba Chamber of Commerce and let us know why you think your nominee is so special. Applications should be mailed or delivered to the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 200 Buford Street • Elba, AL 36323, by 12 Noon on Friday, Nov. 19. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125 or Lynn Baker at 897-3813.

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Brunson elected director to The Association of Alabama Life Insurance Companies

William L. (Bill) Brunson, National Security Insurance Co., Elba, was elected as a director to The Association of Alabama Life Insurance Companies (AALIC) for the term year 1999-2000 on Oct. 11. Brunson, as well as, the other officers/directors were elected at

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Area News

Girl Scouts preparing for the 12th annual Christmas Festival

The 41 members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 300 have been working hard to get ready for the Christmas Festival. This year, the main interest of their free activities for children will be a "Teddy Bear Tea Party."

Designed to appeal to little girls in the first grade and younger, the tea party will feature child size tables and chairs, china tea sets decorated with teddy bears and bite

size refreshments. The little girls are encouraged to bring their favorite doll to tea. Each little girl will receive a string of Mardi Gras beads to wear home.

Other activities for girls and boys will be face painting, thumb print art and cookie decorating. The Girl Scouts will be on the square across from The Jewel Box. All activities are free and will take place between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.



From left to right, Emily Qualls, Kendra Vaughan, Bethany Dye and Ashley Harrelson are getting their teddy bears ready to go to "The Teddy Bear Tea Party" at the 12th Annual Christmas Festival.



While fishing at the Coffee County Lake recently, Justin Mack, Jeremy Mack and Dustin Wilkins, all of Elba; and Sam Coleman, Enterprise, caught 66 crappie. They were right fishing off the lighted pier.

Child Find Activities for Coffee County

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, age 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

If you are the parent of a child with disabilities or know of someone who is disabled, please contact the principal of your local school or the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Donated items will serve as decorations for the "Magical Christmas Float"

The "Magical Christmas Float," sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, will lead the way in the 12th Annual Christmas Festival Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 5 p.m. in Elba. The float will be the first entry following the police cars and is designed to raise donated items for needy families in the Elba area. The float will make routine stops along the parade route so people can place their donated items onto the float which will serve as

the float's "magical" decorations. The donated items will then be given to needy families in the area in an attempt to bring a smile to someone's face this holiday season as they "Catch the Holiday Spirit!"

Therefore, the Elba Chamber of Commerce asks that everyone bring their non-perishable food items, toys, etc., to the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, and help create a magical Christmas.

SAR to elect officers during November meeting

Annual election of officers will be held when members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, meet at noon Nov. 18 in Po' Folks Restaurant on the bypass in Enterprise.

During the October meeting, members voted to present the same slate of officers as serving during the current year. These include: Richard A. Kemp II, president; John Ray Fuller Sr., vice president; John R. Wallace, secretary-treasurer; and Jack M. Bryan, chaplain.

Poarch Creek Indians will host Thanksgiving Homecoming and Intertribal Pow Wow on Nov. 25 & 26

As an alternative to the family's usual Thanksgiving dinner, the Poarch Creek Indians will host their 29th Annual Thanksgiving Homecoming and Intertribal Pow Wow on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday.

The gates will open at 9 a.m. on both days of the event. Activities are scheduled throughout each day

beginning with exhibition dancing and story telling on the mound at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the day. There will be activities for both adults and children, and plenty of food and drinks will be sold.

The Pow Wow grounds are located on the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation at Exit 54 off I-65, eight miles northwest of Anniston on Jack Springs Rd. (Escambia County Road 1). For more information about the 29th Annual Thanksgiving Homecoming and Intertribal Pow Wow, contact Daniel McGhee, Community Relations Director, at (334) 368-9136 ext. 2210.

Lions Club members meet new postmaster during Nov. 9th meeting

During the Nov. 9 Lions Club meeting, the past postmaster, David Flippo, discussed some details of the new Post Office for Elba. According to Flippo, they have narrowed it down to two locations. Mr. Flippo also announced the new postmaster for Elba is Ann Linton. Linton comes to us from Coffee Springs, Ala., and she resides in Samson. Mr. Flippo will be going to Andalusia and will continue to reside here in Elba.



Richard Patterson presents two tickets to the Alabama Auburn football game plus \$50 to Grover Purvis.



Former Elba postmaster, David Flippo, introduced the newly appointed postmaster, Ann Linton, to Lions Club members during the Nov. 9 meeting.

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Elba & County subsidize EMS

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commissioners "tended" to county business, expeditiously Monday morning and adjourned to sign bills in almost record time.

Elba Mayor James E. Grimes addressed the commission concerning the emergency rescue service for the Elba area of the county.

He told commissioners that the city had given consideration into going into the rescue squad business, fulltime - city operated with unpaid staff; however, he said, "Two or three little problems have popped up and it's going to be a while before we get them resolved."

The mayor told commissioners that since the E-911 system had gone on line, he and other city leaders felt it was necessary to go ahead and get some more permanent arrangements in place, at the present time, for the city and the area of the county served by Elba.

"We have contacted Coffee County EMS (a local, private emergency medical service provider) about handling the emergency call for our E-911 calls in that area," Grimes said. "And they have agreed to do so and we have worked out an agreement with them."

He said that the city has entered into a contractual agreement with the firm as of Nov. 1, 1999 to provide emergency medical service and answer all E-911 calls coming into the Elba Police Department. The contract is for eleven months

and concludes on Sept. 30, 2000.

Part of the city's agreement is to subsidize CCEMS with \$2,000 per month for that service. In addition to the subsidy, the city is leasing CCEMS one of the city-owned ambulances for the length of the contract with the company paying all the operating expenses on the vehicle.

"Since a lot of our calls are out in the county area - west of New Brockton - I think the county should join in this effort with the City of Elba and help fund this subsidy toward that," said Grimes. "At the end of this contract, we will look at the service and see if they have been satisfactory and determine future action at that time."

Mayor Grimes asked that the commission contribute \$1,000 toward subsidizing CCEMS for the emergency medical service to the county area in the Elba E-911 block.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion to approve Mayor Grimes' request for the \$11,000. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Linda Westbrook.

During the discussion of Stephens' motion, it was noted that a meeting with the county's legislative delegation is in the process of being scheduled to seek their help in securing possible funding for this type situation.

Commission Doug Dalrymple made a motion - seconded by Commissioner Ernest Brooks - to table Stephens' motion until after the

planned meeting with State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer. The motion failed.

Several commissioners noted that this particular problem is fast becoming one for more areas of the county than just the Elba area, and it is going to have to be addressed by local and state leaders.

After several more minutes of discussion, the commission voted 6-0-1 to approve Grimes' request. Commissioner Brooks abstained.

In other matters of business, the commission took the following actions:

- Tabled bids on a mapping/appraisal vehicle - a 1997 Nissan. They were as follows: Homestead Motors of Enterprise - \$9,480.00; Gene Auto Sales of Elba - \$7,000.00; Mitchell Nissan of Enterprise - \$10,450.00.

- Approved the signing of agreement by the chairman on the Coffee Bakery Water Project in the Holley's Store Community.

- Approved the request from the probate judge to send out bid invitations on computers and printers.

- Adopted the Coffee County Internet Usage Policy for county employees.

- Signed a resolution recognizing Charlie Webb for his outstanding service as director of the Coffee County Emergency Management.

- Approved speed limit signs on Co. Rd. 308 near the Hebron Church.

Charlie Webb hands EMA off to John Tallis

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has had a "changing of the guard."

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, the mantle of leadership was passed from Charles L. Webb to John C. Tallis. The announcement was made at an 11 a.m. press conference held in the Community Room adjoining the agency's offices.

Also, a luncheon in Webb's honor was held immediately following the announcement by Coffee County Chairman Kayo Lewis.

"Today, I have some bad news/good news announcements to make," said Lewis. "The bad news is that Charlie Webb has tendered his resignation as EMA Director, and the Coffee County Emergency Management Board has reluctantly accepted his resignation."

"However, I actually have two good news announcements: The first item of good news is that the Board has appointed, by unanimous vote,



Charles Webb (left) passes mantle to John Tallis

an outstanding individual for the Director's job - Mr. John Tallis.

"The second item of good news is that Charlie has agreed to stay on - for an indefinite period of time - as an assistant to John, and also

continue his leadership role in the E-911 program."

On hand for the occasion were local and state officials - all gathered to honor Webb and his accomplishments as Director of Coffee County's EMA.

The Coffee County Emergency Management Board was formed in 1990 following the flood that devastated Elba and a larger area of the county in March of that year. Members of the board were made up of -

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State troopers predict 18 may die in holiday traffic crashes

With additional traffic expected during the Thanksgiving holiday, Alabama State Troopers are asking all motorists to help ensure safe travel by buckling up, avoiding drinking and driving, and obeying all traffic laws.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates that 18 people may die in traffic crashes in Alabama during the 102-hour period, which starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, and continues until midnight Sunday, Nov. 28.

Last year 8 people died in traffic crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday period. At least 3 of the deaths were alcohol related. Only 3 of the crash victims were using safety belts.

Federal overtime grants will allow for extra state troopers to patrol the state's roadways throughout the holiday period. Troopers will concentrate patrols on interstates and other heavily traveled roadways, and will emphasize enforcement of speed limit, DUI, safety belt, and child restraint laws.

During driver license and safety checkpoints, troopers will distribute flyers to remind motorists that enforcement of the primary safety belt law begins December 10. The new law allows officers to ticket motorists for failure to buckle up without first citing them for another traffic offense. Failure of front seat occupants to buckle up carries a \$25 fine.

Alabama's child restraint law requires a child safety seat for children through age three in front and back seats. Children ages four and five must be secured in a child safety seat or a regular safety belt.

"If Alabamians buckled up every time they got in their vehicles, many lives could be saved and serious injuries prevented," said Col. James H. Alexander, Public Safety director. "I urge all motorists to use safety belts and child restraints during every trip, every day of the year."

Troopers remind holiday travelers that they can report highway emergencies by dialing *HP (*47) on their cellular telephones.



CLOTHING STORE OPENS...Elba shoppers won't have to travel far to buy their clothes these days as the Factory Connection officially opened its doors on Friday, Nov. 12, during the grand opening celebration. Many of the Elba Chamber of Commerce officials and members were on hand to help the employees and managers of the store commemorate the opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Present for the ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration were (left to right): Dawn Austin; Shay Johnson, Jr.; Miss Elba; Harold Wayne and Betty Lawford, property owners; Kenneth Calhoun; Henrietta Grimes; Mayor James Grimes; Doris Matthews; Brandy Bozeman, store manager; Connie Wright; Mike Parker; Lela Smith, district manager; Nikki Fuller, Future Little Miss Elba; Bill Smith; Tonya Jones, Ann Moore, assistant manager; Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Ted Roberts; Leslie Stinson, Miss Elba; and Herby McCall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TAKES HALF HOUR

City Council approves drainage grant application doubling to over half million

The Elba City Council spent most of the Monday night meeting in executive session at the request of Elba police officer L. C. Cook.

Mr. Cook is the senior officer on the Elba department, having served the department longer than any other officer. He may in fact have more time with the Elba department than any two police officers combined. The only employee of the department who rivals him in time is dispatcher Joyce Skinner.

Officer Cook started addressing the council and was asked if this was something which needed discussing in executive session? When he responded that this might be better, the council voted unanimously for the executive session, which began at 6:05 and ended at 6:36.

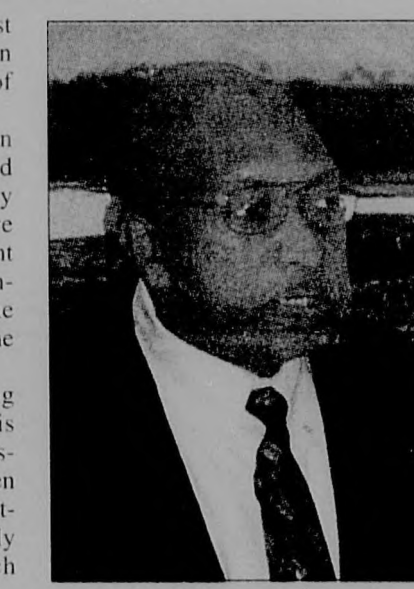
Upon reconvening, the council and Mayor James Grimes stated that the executive session didn't result in anything which the council needed to discuss at this time.

The council voted a one-time pay raise for all full time city employees, to be paid with the December 10th payroll. This is traditionally done during the month of December, as Grimes reminded council members and is in lieu of Christmas gifts from the city. The amount for each employee is \$75.00.

Bids on removal of two flood zone houses were considered. One received no bids and will be rebid. It is located at 736 Williams Street. The other, located at 548 Smith Avenue, attracted two bidders, with Brandt Williams being the successful bidder with a bid of \$12,000. The council approved the sale of the house, to be moved, to Williams.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow told the city council that the major sewer project is speeding along at leaps and bounds.

Morrow also reported that removal of underground gas tanks started today (Monday). Two have



Police Officer L. C. Cook

been unearthed and one of them completely removed from the ground. He reported that the engineer monitoring the work was pleased with his tests of the surrounding dirt and the condition of the tanks. Morrow said they should be able to use the same dirt back in the holes, once the tanks are removed.

Mayor Grimes reported that his trip to Montgomery seeking a grant for resurfacing the airport runway got negative results, but he is not giving up and will be back up there until he finds the funding for the work.

He also reported that he expects to have a report, and a proposal, at the next meeting on the new post office. He said postal officials have been in Elba reviewing potential sites and the results should be posted within the next few days.

NOTICE

The offices of the cities of Elba and New Brockton will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26, 1999 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Standby crews for emergencies can be reached by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or the New Brockton Police Department at 894-5559. The garbage pickup schedules will not change.

12th Annual Christmas Festival

Schedule of Events

Saturday, November 27, 1999

- 9:00 a.m. - Elba High School Jazz Band & Boy Scouts raise flag
- 9:30 a.m. - Christos - Contemporary Gospel Band
- 10:30 a.m. - Dixieland Cloggers
- 11:00 a.m. - New Brockton Elementary School Chorus
- 11:30 a.m. - Celeste Sanders & Tara Rodgers & Dixie Darlins Clogging
- 12:00 Noon - First Assembly of God Youth Drama Team
- 12:30 p.m. - Elba Elementary School 5th & 6th Grade Band - 3rd & 4th Grade to sing
- 1:15 p.m. - Troy School of Dance
- 1:45 p.m. - Masters Call - Southern Gospel Group
- 2:15 p.m. - First Baptist Church Sanctuary Bells
- 2:45 p.m. - Mis Beats - 50s & 60s Rock&Roll Band
- 4:00 p.m. - River Junction Cloggers from Geneva
- 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Parade
- 6:00 p.m. - 1999 "All-Star" Lighting Ceremony



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